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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Madras State Advisory Co-operative Council approved a scheme drawn up by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in this regard.

" (*b*) Twenty-five, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister why only one rural bank was organized in Mannur, that is in South Malabar, while two rural banks were sanctioned for the whole of Malabar, one for north and the other for south and why the North Malabar Bank was not started? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is a proposal to convert the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies into Co-operative Banks; it was found that it would be not possible to organize a separate rural co-operative bank in the North Circle, as it was found difficult to collect the requisite share capital from members."

Government holiday on 21st January 1955 in the City.

* 2166 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reason for declaring a public holiday on 21st January 1955 to the Government offices in the City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This has been answered a number of times.

" (2) 21st January 1955 was declared a public holiday in the City of Madras as the lower-paid staff in the City offices would have found it difficult to reach their offices in time on that day, due to the heavy rush of traffic on account of the commencement of the Open Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and also due to the dislocation of traffic in the morning of that day on account of the visit of Marshal Tito to the City and his State Drive through the City."

(Sri N. K. Palanisamy stood up in his seat.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Several times this question has been answered here, Mr. Palanisamy."

(The Member resumed his seat.)

Local Fund Dispensary at Mannarghat.

* 2167 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the public in April 1955 through the Chief Minister when he visited Mannarghat that the Local Fund Dispensary at Mannarghat, Malabar, should be taken over by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) It is not possible to provincialize the Local Fund Dispensary at Mannarghat during current year. There is a proposal to provincialize as many Local Fund medical institutions as possible during the Second Five-Year Plan period and the dispensary at Mannarghat will have to take its chance along with other Local Fund medical institutions."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. Usually, one hour is set apart for question time and if the House wants to discuss questions beyond that one hour, it is usual for the Hon. Speaker . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" That is why I am in a hurry to finish off questions . . ."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not referring to that. It is the practice for the Hon. Speaker to consult the House and extend the time-limit. I do not know whether the hon. Deputy Speaker has done that now."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The hon. Deputy Speaker has taken that the House will agree with him."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Anyway, the House will agree with him."

* 2168 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) number of out-patients in the Mannarghat Local Fund Dispensary during the year ending 30th March 1955;

(*b*) the amount allotted to the Mannarghat Local Fund Dispensary for medicines during the year ending 30th March 1955;

(*c*) the amount allotted for diet charges for the same period; and

(*d*) whether there are any proposals to increase the allotment for this dispensary?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 16,690.

" (*b*) Rs. 2,800.

" (*c*) Rs. 750.

" (*d*) The allotment for medicines for the year 1955–56 has been increased to Rs. 4,000 and that for ' diet ' has not been increased."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" We will take one or two minutes more and finish off the short notice question."